

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT  
DOCKETING STATEMENT--CIVIL/AGENCY CASES**

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<b>Appeal No. &amp; Caption</b>	25-1397 Jefferson Griffin v. Allison Riggs
<b>Originating No. &amp; Caption</b>	5:24-cv-731 Griffin v. North Carolina State Board of Elections
<b>Originating Court/Agency</b>	Eastern District of North Carolina

<b>Jurisdiction</b> (answer any that apply)		
Statute establishing jurisdiction in Court of Appeals	28 U.S.C. § 1292(a)(1)	
Time allowed for filing in Court of Appeals	30 Days	
Date of entry of order or judgment appealed	04/12/2025	
Date notice of appeal or petition for review filed	04/14/2025	
If cross appeal, date first appeal filed		
Date of filing any post-judgment motion		
Date order entered disposing of any post-judgment motion		
Date of filing any motion to extend appeal period		
Time for filing appeal extended to		
Is appeal from final judgment or order?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
If appeal is not from final judgment, why is order appealable? The district court's April 12 text order granted in part and refused in part an injunction.		

<b>Settlement</b> (The docketing statement is used by the circuit mediator in pre-briefing review and mediation conducted under Local Rule 33. Counsel may make a confidential request for mediation by calling the Office of the Circuit Mediator at 843-731-9099.)		
Is settlement being discussed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No

<b>Transcript</b> (transcript order must be attached if transcript is needed and not yet on file)		
Is transcript needed for this appeal?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Has transcript been filed in district court?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Is transcript order attached?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No

<b>Case Handling Requirements</b> (answer any that apply)		
Case number of any prior appeal in same case	No. 25-1020	
Case number of any pending appeal in same case	No. 25-1398	
Identification of any case pending in this Court or Supreme Court raising similar issue	Nos. 25-1399, 25-1401 (4th Cir.)	
	If abeyance or consolidation is warranted, counsel must file an appropriate motion.	
Is expedited disposition necessary?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	If yes, motion to expedite must be filed.	
Is oral argument necessary?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Does case involve question of first impression?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Does appeal challenge constitutionality of federal or state statute in case to which federal or state government is not a party	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	If yes, notice re: challenge to constitutionality of law must be filed.	

<b>Nature of Case</b> (Nature of case and disposition below. Attach additional page if necessary.)
<p>This appeal involves the November 2024 general election for Seat 6 of the Supreme Court of North Carolina. Two months ago, this Court exercised discretion to abstain from deciding the federal issues in this case while the North Carolina courts resolved unsettled questions of state law. See Griffin v. N.C. State Bd. of Elections, No. 25-1020, slip op. at 11 (4th Cir. Feb. 4, 2025) (per curiam).</p> <p>On April 11, the Supreme Court of North Carolina issued its decision, and Justice Riggs moved in the district court for an injunction prohibiting the parties from taking any action to enforce or effectuate the state-law remedy while the district court considered the remaining federal issues. The next day, the district court entered a text order denying the substance of Justice Riggs' motion.</p> <p>On April 22, this Court entered an order "enjoin[ing] the North Carolina State Board of Elections from mailing any notice to any potentially affected voter pending the district court's resolution of Riggs' motion for a preliminary injunction." ECF No. 25 at 4.</p>

**Issues** (Non-binding statement of issues on appeal. Attach additional page if necessary)

Whether the district court erred by not granting Justice Riggs' Emergency Motion for Injunction and Motion for Status Conference.

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